8. (Amended) A starting clutch according to claim 4, wherein a bearing mechanism intervenes between the clutch case of said first clutch and the hub.

9. (Amended) A starting clutch according to claim 4, wherein a bearing mechanism intervenes between the clutch case of said second clutch and the hub.

17. (Amended) A starting clutch according to claim 13, wherein said each member are connected by a spline fitting.

26. (Amended) A starting clutch according to claim 23, wherein the member connected to said carrier is the hub of the second clutch.

35. (Amended) A starting clutch according to claim 32, further comprising oil temperature detection means, wherein a mechanism for regulating the opening amount of the valve by the detected oil temperature is provided.

39. (Amended) A starting clutch according to claim 37, wherein said biasing means or biasing regulating means is a spring member.

49. (Amended) A starting clutch according to claim 47, wherein the piston is separated from a frictionally engaging element by the operation of said cylinder.

61. (Amended) A starting clutch according to claim 59, wherein a lubricant oil passage which communicates with said output shaft from said fixed element is provided.

69. (Amended) A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 67, wherein, when the operating mechanism is completely ON, the first clutch and the second clutch are fastened together and, when the operating mechanism is completely OFF, the first clutch and the second clutch are released.

72. (Amended) A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 67, wherein, when the operating mechanism is completely OFF, the first and the second clutches are fastened and, when the operating mechanism is completely ON, the first and the second clutches are released.

Please add the following claims:

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75. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 2, wherein the lock mechanism for locking the reactive force from said inner portion comprises a one-way clutch.

76. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 5, wherein a bearing mechanism intervenes between the clutch case of said first clutch and the hub.

77. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 5, wherein a bearing mechanism intervenes between the clutch case of said second clutch and the hub.

78. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 14, wherein said each member are connected by a spline fitting.

79. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 15, wherein said each member are connected by a spline fitting.

80. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 16, wherein said each member are connected by a spline fitting.

81. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 24, wherein the member connected to said carrier is the hub of the second clutch.

82. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 25, wherein the member connected to said carrier is the hub of the second clutch.

83. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 33, further comprising oil temperature detection means, wherein a mechanism for regulating the opening amount of the valve by the detected oil temperature is provided.

84. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 34, further comprising oil temperature detection means, wherein a mechanism for regulating the opening amount of the valve by the detected oil temperature is provided.

85. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 38, wherein said biasing means or biasing regulating means is a spring member.

86. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 85, wherein said spring member is a Belleville spring.

87. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 48, wherein the piston is separated from a frictionally engaging element by the operation of said cylinder.

88. (New) A starting clutch according to claim 60, wherein a lubricant oil passage which communicates with said output shaft from said fixed element is provided.

89. (New) A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 68, wherein, when the operating mechanism is completely ON, the first clutch and the second clutch are fastened together and, when the operating mechanism is completely OFF, the first clutch and the second clutch are released.

90. (New) A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 89, wherein said first clutch is fastened or slidably moved in a half operating state intermediate between said completely ON and completely OFF.

91. (New) A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 89, wherein said second clutch is fastened or slidably moved in a half operating state intermediate between said completely ON and completely OFF.

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92. (New) A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 68, wherein, when the operating mechanism is completely OFF, the first and the second clutches are fastened and, when the operating mechanism is completely ON, the first and the second clutches are released.

93. (New) A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 92, wherein said operating mechanism fastens or slidably moves the first clutch only in a half operating state intermediate between said completely ON and completely OFF.

94. (New) A control method of a starting clutch according to claim 90, wherein a creep is generated by said first clutch slidably moving.